

April 16, 2021

FOIA Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

I am Algis Silas, a professional researcher who has a non-profit client, which is interested in the following information. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, Algis Silas requests that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency produce all types of communication records between the following U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials and all of the specific outside organizations, listed below, within twenty (20) business days:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Officials

Michael S. Regan, Administrator
Dan Utech, Chief of Staff
Alison Cassady, Deputy Chief of Staff
Wesley J. Carpenter, Deputy Chief of Staff
Chris Frey, Deputy Assistant Administrator
Alejandra Nunez, Deputy Assistant Administrator
Carlton Waterhouse, Deputy Assistant Administrator
Tomás Elias Carbonell, Deputy Assistant Administrator
JoAnn Chase, Director
Sinceré Harris, White House Liaison
Philip Fine, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator
Radhika Fox, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Joseph Goffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Radha Adhar, Deputy Associate Administrator
Rosemary Enobakhare, Associate Administrator
Marianne Engelman Lado, Deputy General Counsel

Outside Organizations

National Resources Defense Council
NextGen
Sunrise Movement
Sierra Club
Bloomberg Philanthropies
Center for Biological Diversity
Environmental Defense Fund
EarthJustice
United Nations Environmental Programme
Blackrock Investment Management Corporation
EarthWorks

The period for this request is January 20, 2021 to April 16, 2021.

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If any responsive record or portion thereof is claimed to be exempt from production under FOIA, please provide sufficient identifying information with respect to each allegedly exempt record or portion thereof to allow us to assess the propriety of the claimed exemption. *Vaughn v. Rosen* 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). In addition, any reasonably segregable portion of a responsive record must be provided, after redaction of any allegedly exempt material. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

For purposes of this request, the term “record” shall mean:

- 1) any written, printed, or typed material of any kind, including without limitation all correspondence, memoranda, notes, messages, letters, cards, facsimiles, papers, forms, telephone, messages, diaries, schedules, calendars, chronological data, minutes, books, reports, charts, lists, ledgers, invoices, worksheets, receipts, returns, computer printouts, printed matter, prospectuses, statements, checks, statistics, surveys, affidavits, contracts, agreements, transcripts, magazine or newspaper articles, or press releases;
- 2) any electronically, magnetically, or mechanically stored material of any kind, including without limitation all electronic mail or e-mail;
- 3) any audio, aural, visual, or video records, recordings, or representations of any kind;
- 4) any graphic materials using other means of preserving thought or expression; and
- 5) any materials using other means of preserving thought or expression.

In order to help to determine my status for purposes of determining the applicability of any fees, you should know that I am a professional researcher, who has a non-profit client, which is interested in any and all types of communication between the previously listed seventeen (17) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials and the eleven (11) outside groups listed on page one of this FOIA request. I am willing to pay fees up to the amount of \$25.00 in search and/or duplication costs. If the fees will exceed this amount, please inform me before any such fees are incurred, in order to prioritize search and duplication efforts.

In an effort to facilitate record production within the statutory time limit, Algis Silas is willing to accept documents in electronic format (e.g. e-mail, pdfs). When necessary, Algis Silas will also accept the “rolling production” of documents.

If you feel you need clarification of this request or any portion thereof, please contact us immediately at (703) 354-4824 or by email Redmeska@aol.com. We look forward to receiving the requested documents of both search and duplication costs within twenty (20) business days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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